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Rs. 47 per horse-power per annum. Supply will not also be feasible until the erection of two numbers 500 KVA transformers at Nuzvid junction and the coal quota for Bezwada station is permanently increased.

In view of the large quantity of materials involved especially at a time when there is acute shortage of materials and due to high guarantee to make the scheme remunerative in the area, the extension of supply is not possible for the present and may therefore be deferred until the position improves. This will however be reviewed again in another year."

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 158 asked by Sri C. N. Muthuranga Mudaliyar at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 4th December 1947, page 18 supra.]

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC (INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY) DEPARTMENT.

PRESS NOTE NO. 239.

Dated Fort St. George, the 16th October 1947.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that in some places in the mufassal, seats in buses, particularly in front, are reserved for Government officials who wish to travel. The Government desire to inform the public that under the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules, 1940, Government officials are not entitled to any preferential claim in the matter of accommodation in buses. Any person who has tendered the legal fare is entitled to be carried in a bus provided accommodation is available. There was some justification for the practice of reservation of seats for Government officials during the war period on account of the non-import of the new motor cars and the difficulty experienced by touring Government officials in securing used serviceable cars. Now that the position has improved Government have directed that the practice should be discontinued wherever it has been in vogue. Suitable instructions have also been issued in this regard to bus operators.

The present position, therefore, is that no special preference can be claimed in respect of any particular seat in a bus, by any Government official including a touring official of the police, revenue or any other department. Any instance of discrimination by the driver or the conductor in favour of a Government official should be brought to the notice of the Regional Transport Officer concerned.

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